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TAYLOR

TO: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. S.J. Papich

FROM: Deputy Director for Plans [redacted]

SUBJECT: Garrison and the Kennedy Assassination: Lee Harvey Oswald
Layton Patrick Martens

1. On 15 January 1969 we were advised by the FBI that Subject had been in touch with the Bureau's office in New Orleans and had stated that he had been contacted by one of Clay Shaw's attorneys, who requested that he serve as a witness for the defense. He foresaw no problem, he said, except that he could be asked questions about the Cuban Revolutionary Front, [redacted] Subject asked the FBI for advice. The Bureau replied that it could not provide advice on the topic.

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Per CIA

2. Martens appears prominently in six previous FBI reports forwarded to this Agency and ranging in dates from 3 March 1967 to 5 July 1968.

3. Subject is not and has not been an employee or associate of CIA.

4. The Frente Revolucionario Democratico (FRD, Cuban Democratic Revolutionary Front) was created in May 1960 [redacted] In October 1961 it was absorbed by the Cuban Revolutionary Council (CRC). Sergio Vicente Arcacha Smith was the FRD delegate in New Orleans before

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the Bay of Pigs (15-16 April 1961) and held this position until the FRD ceased to function in October 1961. He was not, however, an employee or source of CIA. FBI reports and the press have indicated that Martens and Arcacha were associated in New Orleans in 1961, when they solicited funds for an anti-Castro organization. The press has repeated assertions by Garrison's office that both Martens and Arcacha, as well as others, were involved in the robbery of a munitions bunker at Houma, Louisiana. According to one John W. Whelan, cited in an FBI report of 5 July 1968, Martens is under indictment in state court on a charge of perjury. The charge was levelled by Garrison.

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